

LAC Forum Work Session

5/24/08

Wealthy St Bakery

1. Call to Order: 7:15 pm
2. Attendance: Andy Bowman, Vickie Craig, Kate McCrindle, Sara Potyraj, Denise Blair, Anne Marie Bessette, Ted Bonarski.
3. Agenda Approval.
Motion by Potyraj, Supported by McCrindle to approve agenda. Ayes: all. Agenda Approved.
4. Minutes: Minutes from the following three months were reviewed for approval.
 - a. 2/16/08
 - b. 3/1/08
 - c. 3/24/08Motion by Craig, supported by McCrindle to approve all minutes submitted. Ayes: All. Minutes approved.
5. Forum. Points about Forum:
 - a. Include other forum groups.
 - b. Tempy Mann thought questions were too easy.
 - c. Other comments by Tempy Mann from Sara Potyraj.
 - d. Don't have previous board members.
 - e. Perhaps more coaching from LAC and perhaps a question panel. (consider an investigative reporter or media person and at least one LAC member).
 - f. Need "forum training" night including screeners and questioners.
 - g. Perhaps break up screeners by broad categories.
 - h. Turn-out is difficult. Need an advanced story with the Press. Consider press conference with an "attention getter".
 - i. Need extra credit assigned by teachers way ahead of time.
6. Community Newsletter
 - a. John Helmhold needs to be contacted by McCrindle for printing district capability.
 - b. Should've sent to all the parents to the school, need to budget for a one time mailing. Kate will bring forward at the budget meeting.
 - c. Andy to do a regionalism piece next year.
 - d. October and a March-April time frame.
 - e. May need a student-based Newsletter.
7. MPTSA Leadership meeting in Royal Oak Middle School on August 23, 2008.
8. Kalamazoo Promise was discussed by Vickie Craig. Very comprehensive program. Janice Brown was a speaker at the conference. A conference is being held on this June 25-27, 2008, at Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo.
9. KISD Grassroots efforts in Lansing, Wednesday, June 18, 9 am to 2 pm. "Time to go to Lansing", is a legislature rally on education issues. Denise thought we could gather up all the budget stories and what is really missing. Kate will do an article on "Where is your whereas". Will be a "viral" mail out from the Pulse. We will have a whereas board at the June 10th meeting. Ted suggested a "single sentence" approach.
10. Anne Marie is looking for a Chair to replace her at LAC. Denise will be a community member to LAC. Ted volunteered to Co-Chair the committee.
11. There will be meetings during the summer. Evenings were considered. Next meeting at the last Tuesday of June, (June 24th), at Wealthy St Bakery.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.